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NEW YORK IS BUILDING AS NEVER BEFORE

Sums Expended of More Than Value of Many Kingdoms.

NEW JERSEY WOMAN CLUBS

Buying Island Always Under Water--Other Items of National Interest.

New York, May 8.—The greatest building in the history of the metropolis is now going on. It is estimated that within the next five years, \$1,200,000,000 will be spent. Of this sum \$60,000,000 will go for the construction of buildings in Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and New Jersey.

Millions of people who carry on business in Manhattan are packing out in every direction in search for suburban homes. In 1905 builders in Brooklyn spent \$64,200,000 on new structures. The total in the Bronx was \$27,500,000; in Queens, \$12,300,000. These sums represent a total outlay of \$121,000,000. For the next five years \$700,000,000, or a yearly average of \$140,000,000, is estimated.

Against these figures of construction are to be placed the terrible losses—by fire and collapse—that are continually recurring. In 1905 there were 7,750 fires in the boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx, and Brooklyn, with a loss of \$5,271,365. In addition the loss by fire throughout the whole country was over \$150,000,000.

Builders, therefore, are giving particular and unusual attention to the question of reducing these losses. The problem of protecting from fire is not the only one that is receiving attention. The numerous collapses of the buildings containing the so-called "shattered," which have occurred all over the country during the year, have shown owners that no reliance can be placed upon the way this material is mixed. Floors which were supposed to have set safely suddenly fell to the basement, often carrying workmen with them. What was thought to be concrete was nothing better than a cohesion of clavers and mortar. Nothing has been found to be more uncertain than concrete carelessly mixed and laid.

The movement toward safer construction has just found expression in the erection in Chicago of the "Underwriters' Laboratories." This building was put up for the purpose of conducting experiments to determine the best methods and materials to be employed in preventing fire. Not a single of wood has been used in its construction. The floors, walls, partitions and stairways are built of hollow tile. Experts consider that the structure is a model upon which plans for the future "unburnable" city will be based.

SALE OF AN ISLAND ALL COVERED BY SEA.
New York, May 9.—By order of the New Jersey Court of Chancery, 16.15 acres of Oyster Island, and 7.29 acres of Hobkins' Reef, all of which are under water in New York Bay, within the boundary lines of the First ward, New York City, will be sold at auction by Auctioneer Frederick Wohert, on Montgomery street, Jersey City, this afternoon.

The late George Colb, state geologist of New Jersey, applied to the State Bipartisan board, twenty years ago, for the riparian rights around the islands. He claimed title to the land by virtue of grants secured originally from Lord Berkeley, in 1622, and confirmed by the Duke of York, who had granted all of East Jersey, including the islands in New York Bay, to Berkeley. The Duke of York received his grant from Charles the Second.

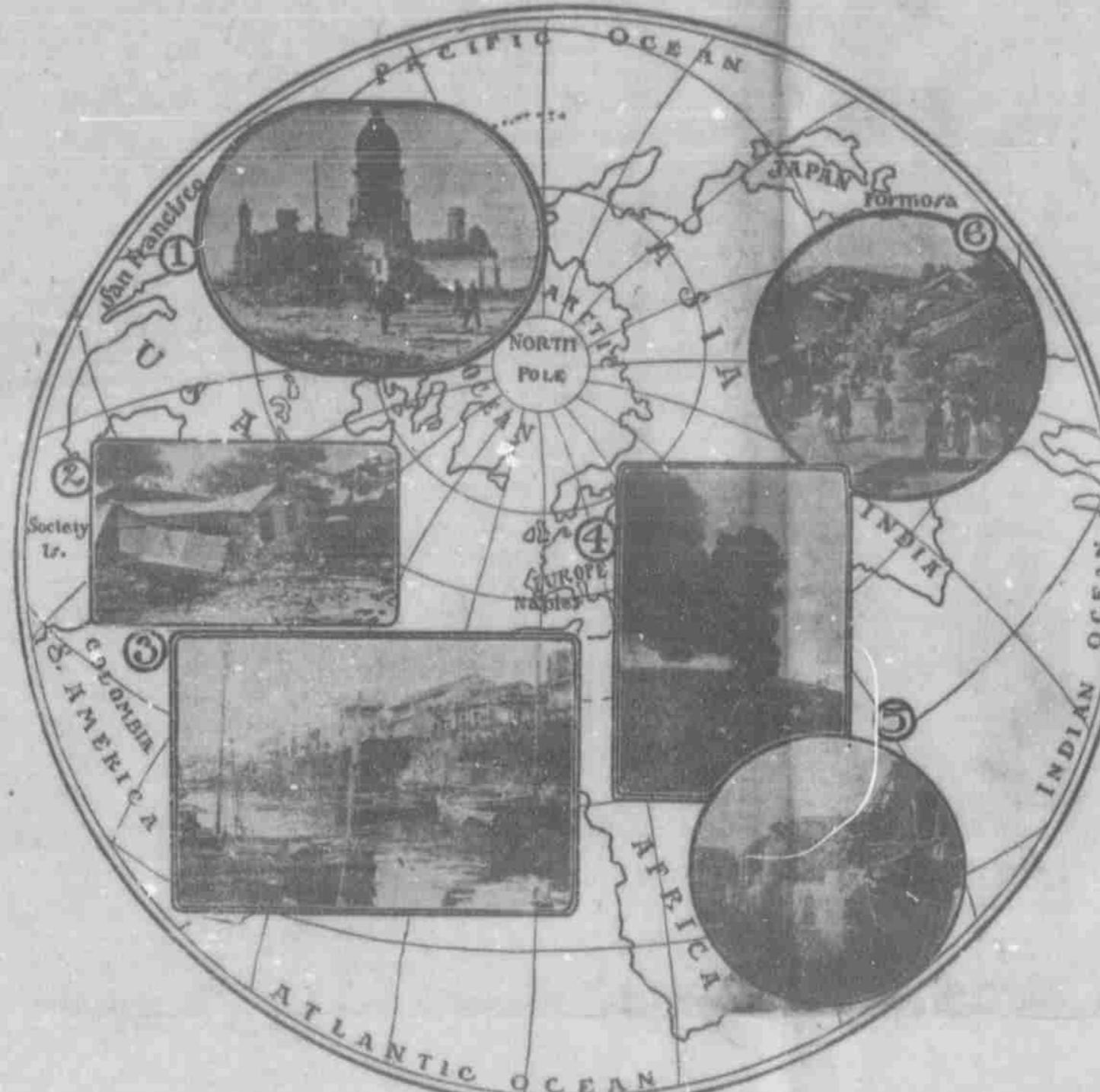
For nearly a century the question of jurisdiction over the islands has been a matter of dispute between New Jersey and New York. A treaty commission seventy-five years ago, decided in favor of New York, and the supreme court of New York held that the state had absolute control of property rights. The court of appeals reversed this decision, and held that the word "jurisdiction" in the treaty simply referred to police jurisdiction. The action of Chancellor Magie in ordering the sale of the islands will again bring up the questions raised when the treaty was drafted. The sale is the result of a suit brought by the heirs of Prof. Cook against railroad corporations having interests in the riparian rights in the bay. The sale of Hobkins' Reef is subject to the rights of the United States government to maintain a light house there.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPALS HOLD 1230 CONVENTION.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 9.—The one-hundred and twenty-second convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the state of Pennsylvania opened here this morning at the Church of St. Luke and the Evangelist, Thirteenth street, below Broad. This convention marks the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first Protestant Episcopal church in America, at Jamestown.

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IS THE EARTH BECOMING UNSAFE?



MAP SHOWING UNSAFE SPOTS ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE, WITH PICTURES OF LOCALITIES WHERE RECENT NATURAL DISTURBANCES TOOK PLACE.

When the California earthquake jarred the people of San Francisco and caused havoc and disorder in all directions, there was added another score to the list of great natural disasters that have taken place throughout the world during the past few months. No. 1 shows the wrecked city hall in San Francisco, damaged by the shock of April 18. No. 2 is a picture showing the damage done in the Society Islands on February 7, when floods and tidal waves drowned 7,000 natives. No. 3 shows a scene in Colombia where 2,000 lives were lost in January and February by earthquakes and tidal waves. No. 4 is a picture of Mt. Vesuvius in eruption and No. 5 shows damage in Pergola, Italy by earthquakes that preceded the volcanic eruption of several months. No. 6 is a scene in Formosa, where from March 17 to 19 a series of earthquakes and landslides killed or injured 7,000 people.

ing for women employees at summer resorts. The subject was introduced by Mrs. Edward Grey of Irvington, and evoked a spirited discussion.

Mrs. Mandie Bellington Booth was the principal speaker in the afternoon session. The Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell delivered an address on Susan B. Anthony. Among the guests of honor at the convention are Mrs. Phillip Carpenter, president of the New York State Federation; Mrs. Edith de Rivera, president of the New York City Federation; Mrs. Edith Devereux Blaikie, president of the New York Legislative League; the Rev. Phoebe A. Mansfield, president of the New York Women's Press Club; Miss Ada Fuller, president of the New Jersey Women's Press Club; Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbour, president of Sorosis; Mrs. William Gerry Blodge, president of the National Society, Daughters of 1812, and Mrs. Emma Horine, president of the New Jersey Women's Christian Temperance Union.

NO RIFLE SHOOT FOR NAVAL CABETS.

West Point, N. Y., May 9.—General A. L. Mills, superintendent of the Military Academy, has decided there shall be no rifle practice among the cadets outside of the routine work in that line. It was hoped that this year the cadets would be represented by a team at the national match at West Point in September, and the marksmen who form the team at the Naval Academy had hoped that they would have an opportunity to shoot in competition with the West Pointers on May 16, when the academies have their base ball game at West Point. General Mills, however, finds that it would take much time to get the cadets into condition for competitive work with visiting teams. He thinks the time can be more profitably used in the work of the institution, and does not see the necessity of making rifle practice part of this athletic training, as is the case in Annapolis.

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hold at the general convention. The report of the board of missions will be a notable one, as more churches and missions have been established in the diocese during the last twelve months than for many years.

FEAT EXTRAORDINARY OF AN AGED PEDESTRIAN.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 9.—Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian started yesterday to walk to New York. A large crowd was present when he started from the city hall at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and the old man was cheered by the crowd on his way. Three years ago Mr. Weston was asked to walk from here to New York in the interest of science and deferred it from time to time. He is now 68 years old, but believes he can walk as fast as he could thirty years ago.

The late Prof. R. Ogden Doremus, one of the physicians who signed the request that Mr. Weston make the trip, before and after the walk Mr. Weston will be watched by the physicians. He was subjected to a careful examination before he started on his long walk and was pronounced to be in excellent condition. Several physicians in automobiles are accompanying Mr. Weston. He expects to reach the ferry house of the Pennsylvania railroad station in Jersey City at 11 o'clock this evening.

NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR LOUISVILLE.

Louisville, Ky., May 9.—The cornerstone of the new public library building, at Fourth and York streets, will be laid with appropriate ceremonies this afternoon. Elaborate preparations for the event have been made. The exercises will begin at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be presided over by Col. Bennett H. Young. The chief address will be delivered by the Hon. Swango Sherley, representative in congress from the Fifth district. Col. H. T. Durfee will read a paper on "Library Beginnings in Kentucky." The induction will be delivered by the Rev. T. M. Hayes, Charles F. Granger, former mayor of Louisville, will lay the cornerstone.

LUTHERAN MINISTERS HOLD SPRING MEETING.

Lancaster, Pa., May 9.—The annual spring meeting of the Lutheran ministers of the state of Pennsylvania opened here this morning at the Church of St. Luke and the Evangelist, Thirteenth street, below Broad. This convention marks the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first Protestant Episcopal church in America, at Jamestown.

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hold introduced by the Rev. J. W. Smith. The conference will close on Wednesday afternoon.

THE NEW PRESIDENT FOR COSTA RICA INAUGURATED.

San José, Costa Rica, May 9.—M. González Viquez, formerly minister of finance under Assumption Esquivel, the retiring president was yesterday inaugurated as president of Costa Rica.

M. González Viquez is a prominent member of the liberal party and is well liked and highly respected throughout the republic. He was elected at the last election, about one month ago, with an overwhelming majority.

The inauguration was accompanied by an unusual display of enthusiasm on the part of the population and there was no disturbance to mar the celebration.

DOVE OF PEACE HOVERING OVER ZION ONCE MORE.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—The thirtieth annual reunion of the National Association of Veterans of the Mexican war opened yesterday for a two days' session. The attendance is surprisingly large. Many of the members are accompanied by their wives and families. An interesting program has been prepared for the occasion, including a number of social features, and a visit to President Roosevelt at the White House.

ARKANSAS DOCTORS CONSIDER QUARANTINE.

Benton, Ark., May 9.—The Arkansas State Medical Society met today for its second annual convention. The attendance is unusually large and the program for the convention highly interesting. The following fever problem and the question of quarantining will form the subject of discussion in one of the meetings.

MASSACHUSETTS CHARGES BRIBERY TO LEGISLATORS.

Boston, May 9.—Suffolk county court house was a place of much activity today when members of the legislature appeared to answer summons issued by District Attorney Moran, calling upon them to testify before the grand jury on the subject of bribery charges.

The unprecedented proceedings of the entire membership of Massachusetts' general court drew attention to appear before the grand jury attracted a large number of people to the corridors of the court building.

Seventy-five members of the house were summoned to appear today. As these legislators were making their way to the court house, the process servers armed with summons for the remainder of the members of the legislature, started for the state house and other places to deliver papers to the remaining members of the house and the men who wish to see them.

INDIANS LEAVE FOR CONEY ISLAND.

Manhattan, N. Y., May 9.—The annual spring meeting of the Lancaster conference of the Lutherans Minister of Pennsylvania opened here this morning at Christ church with a concurring service. The Rev. H. G. Welder presided the conference meeting. The first business session will begin this afternoon, when the names of the president and the other officers and of the committees will be announced. Other springtime business will follow later in the afternoon there will be a discussion of the topic, "The Titling System in Ecclesiastical Benevolence," which will be

heard a subpoena for Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, compelling his attendance before a special grand jury investigating insurance matters.

Peabody, it is understood, is willing to be a witness and will tell all he knows about the transactions carried on through the Mutual's department of purchase and supplies during the old regime.

Since Peabody started on the task of searching the history of this department, he has had a special committee at work investigating its affairs, and will be able to tell the special grand jury a good many things. Armstrong's legislative committee were not able to learn Jerome has not yet decided when Peabody will be called.

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Chicago, May 9.—Down and Voliva reached an agreement in court today upon the prosecution for ritual representation in the meanest sort of financial affairs at Zion City. The Dowie group appointed John A. Dowie, while Voliva named Alexander Granger. The third member of the arbitration committee will be chosen later.

MARY END STRIKE OF LONGSHOREMEN.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 9.—In accordance with an agreement reached at Cleveland last night, all workers on the docks reported for duty today. It will require about ten days to clear up the congested condition of the harbor.

PEABODY WILL TELL OF INSIDE INSURANCE FACTS.

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PRIMITIVE METHODISTS HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Schenectady, N. Y., May 9.—The Primitive Methodist church of the west held its annual convention under the auspices of Bala Chapter at the Hotel Hotel this morning. The attendance was large. The opening session was devoted to the preliminary routine business.

Representatives of the proposed electric street railway company are out this afternoon calling upon the property owners in the Highlands, with copies of the agreement described above, and are reported to be meeting with much success.

PI PHI FRATERNITY IN ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Hoboken, N. J., May 9.—The Phi Pi fraternity opened its twenty-eighth annual convention under the auspices of Beta Chapter at the Hotel Hotel this morning. The attendance was large. The opening session was devoted to the preliminary routine business. This afternoon the delegates will be entertained by a talk on the rights of the members of the Fraternity in the vicinity. In the evening a reception will be given by the active chapter at the new Phi Pi Chapter room in the Donahue building.

JOHN F. WALLACE LEAVES EMPLOY OF GOVERNMENT.

Chicago, May 9.—John F. Wallace, formerly chief engineer of the Illinois Central, today announced that he has accepted the presidency of the Electric Properties company, an organization recently incorporated in the state of New York, which according to him will acquire and manage properties in which electricity plays the principal part.

GRAPPLING METROPOLITAN HANDICAP RACE AT BELMONT.

Belmont Park, May 9.—The Metropolitan handicap race was won this afternoon by Giuseppe: Danielson, second; Oxford, third; Pine, fourth.

J. F. Ostendorf of San Marcos and W. W. Young of Morehead, Arizona, are

BERNALILLO COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

F. A. Hubbell Figures in Two Suits Filed in Office of District Clerk.

MAYNARD GUNSLI SUES W.H. GREER

(Wednesday, May 9.)

Three interesting documents were filed in the office of the district clerk yesterday, which will terminate in three very interesting legal controversies. The first of two suits filed against F. A. Hubbell and his bondsman as treasurer of Bernalillo county, charged the defendant with illegally paying money out of the Bernalillo county school fund to the amount of \$6,713.87, and the second charges the same illegal conduct of the defendant, but the sum is only \$557.71. Each suit is based on receipt stubs found in the office of the county treasurer, and the amounts in which the money was paid out vary from \$10 to \$1,515, the transactions occurring between January 12, 1905, and December 21, 1904. The receipts show that in each instance the money was paid to the county school superintendent, which office was filled during the time mentioned by Edmundo Vigil. On many of the receipts the name "for services rendered" while others "for examination of accounts," etc.

Both actions are brought in the name of the territory of New Mexico by District Attorney F. W. Clancy.

GUNSLI SUES GREER.

Maynard Gunslin vs. William H. Greer, the Albuquerque Traction company, the Traction Land and Development company and the Surety Investment company is the title of a suit filed yesterday by W. B. Childers, attorney.

The suit is based on the following contract:

"This agreement entered into this 18th day of August, 1905, between William H. Greer, of Deming, N. M., and Maynard Gunslin, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is to the effect that all matters in connection with the construction of the Bernalillo Street railway line, to be built by the plaintiff, for the purpose of enhancing the value of our property, and we believe this is the quickest and cheapest manner of getting it done. I certainly agree that the Traction company does not intend to give the residents of the Highlands street railway service."

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